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TO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: SHIPMENT OF RADIOS

REF: BEIRUT 6460

1. JACK SALAMEH, BEIRUT EXPRESS REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTLY IN DAMASCUS, CONFIRMED THIS MORNING THAT JALAL SALHANI LEFT DAMASCUS WITH DAO STATION WAGON AT 1430 HOURS JULY 19. WE UNDERSTAND HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY RAYMOND HABRA, ALSO BEIRUT EXPRESS. SALHANI ADVISED EMBASSY JULY 19 PRIOR DEPARTURE THAT HE WAS LEAVING HIS TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK IN DAMASCUS TO DRIVE S/W TO BEIRUT. HE WOULD RETURN LATER FOR TRUCK.

2. WE NOW UNDERSTAND HE LATER CHANGED HIS PLANS AND ALSO TOOK TRACTOR-TRAILER ALONG WITH S/W. APPARENTLY S/W WAS DRIVEN BY RAYMOND HABRA.

3. IT IS POSSIBLE BOTH HABRA AND SALHANI ARE BEING HELD WITH TRUCK AND S/W. SALHANI WAS GIVEN CERTIFICATE PRIOR DEPARTURE THAT GOODS BELONGED TO USG.

4. JACK SALAMEH SUGGESTS EMBASSY TRY TO LOCATE HABRA AT BELFORD HOTEL. IF HE HAS NOT ARRIVED, SALAMEH PLANS TRAVEL PERSONALLY TO MARJEYOUN TO ASSIST BOTH HABRA AND SALHANI.

FYI: TRACTOR TRAILER IS KUWAITI TAG NO. 19196 AND SAME

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TRUCK WHICH TOOK COL. HAMBRIC HHE TO AMMAN.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP WHEN SALHANI OR HABRA ARRIVE.
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